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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SENATE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON FRENCH BLOOD COLLECTION TECHNIQUES

REF: STATE 175120

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, EMBOFF CONTACTED THE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION SERVICE OF THE
NATIONAL CENTER OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION (CENTRE NATIONAL
DE TRANSFUSION SANGUINE, 6 RUE ALEXANDRE-CABANEL,
PARIS 15, TELEPHONE 566-8041), DR. VAUR.
DR. VAUR STATED THAT SINCE THE INSTITUTION OF A
FEDERAL LAW IN 1952, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COMPENSA-
TION MADE TO PEOPLE GIVING BLOOD EXCEPT FOR
THOSE REQUESTED TO TRAVEL SOME DISTANCE TO A BLOOD
DONATION CENTER BECAUSE THEY POSSESS A PARTICULAR
TYPE OF BLOOD; IN SUCH CASES, THE DONORS ARE RE-
IMBURSED FOR THEIR TRAVEL EXPENSES.

2. THE BLOOD COLLECTION SERVICE MAINTAINS FIXED
STATIONS THROUGHOUT FRANCE WHERE A DONOR CAN VISIT
AND CONTRIBUTE AND ALSO ESTABLISHES, ON A PERIODIC
BASIS, COLLECTION STATIONS AT OFFICES, FACTORIES,
AND IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

3. THE DONOR WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AFTER 5
VISITS AND A GRADED SERIES OF AWARDS AND MEDALS AFTER
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20, 50 AND 100 CONTRIBUTIONS. SOME FACTORIES WILL

GRANT THEIR EMPLOYEES A HALF DAY OFF TO REST AFTER
MAKING THEIR CONTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, THIS IS STRICTLY
AN INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN EMPLOYEE AND
MANAGEMENT AND IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS PAYMENT FOR
MAKING A BLOOD DONATION.

4. THE CENTRE NATIONAL DE TRANSFUSION SANGUINE
IS PROVIDING US WITH A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT
EXPLAIN THE SYSTEM IN FRANCE. THESE WILL BE SENT
AIR POUCH AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED.

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